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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Special Assistant to the D/DCI/IC

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FROM

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Executive Officer, D/DCI/NI

SUBJECT

: Contributions to the DCI's Comments on the  
PFIAB Report to the President, 3 December 1976

1. Our principal concern over the PFIAB Report is that it makes a number of recommendations without recognizing that, in many cases, efforts are underway already to satisfy them. On page v:

a. The IC Staff has on its agenda the matter of producing forecasts of what the world will look like in 15 to 20 years. We would note, at the same time, that this effort must be considered experimental; a number of previous attempts to project only 10 years ahead were not thought worth very much, even by their authors. While the shape of the world of the future is obviously of importance to Intelligence Community planning, even more important would be projections of what would be technically feasible or otherwise practical at some date in the future, as well as the countermeasures our opponents might take against various collection systems at that same future date.

b. The Community is acutely aware of needed improvements in the area of crisis management. Indeed, the Director has a Special Assistant (Cord Meyer) who has taken a serious

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